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CLAIMS

1. A method of cutting sheet members, wherein at the time of fixedly stacking a plurality of sheet members and cutting the sheet members along a predetermined cutting line toward a part, a seam allowance of the part or a region outside the seam allowance of the part, near the cutting line is heated locally such that the sheet members are welded together vertically to fix upper and lower sheet members.

2. A method of cutting sheet members according claim 1, wherein the local heating is performed using a knife or a punch of a cutting head.

3. A method of cutting sheet members according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the local heating is performed along the cutting line or in a region slightly outside the cutting line at several positions for each part.

4. A method of cutting sheet members according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the local heating is performed in the seam allowance inside the cutting line at several positions for each part.

5. A method of cutting sheet members, wherein at the time of fixedly stacking a plurality of sheet members and cutting the sheet members along a predetermined cutting line toward a part, the cutting is performed such that a plurality of uncut portions are formed along the cutting line, and then, the uncut portions are cut.

6. A method of cutting sheet members according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the sheet members have air impermeability.